

# Mittagong Public School

## Newsletter



### Cross Country Champions!

Firstly I would like to congratulate our students for their success in winning the District Cross Country this year. While this is impressive in itself, this is the first time the shield has been taken away from Bowral Public School in decades and so represents an even more wonderful achievement for our students! Well done also to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Fisher who helped our runners to victory.

### Events

Our book fair and author visit was a big success this week. Thank you to Mrs Gardiner for organising these events. Grandparents Day was loads of fun on Tuesday and it was great to see so many come along. I'd also like to thank our P&C for the great Mother's Day stall that ran on Wednesday and Thursday. Next week we begin our NAPLAN testing. Students in years Three and Five will sit the tests each day from Tuesday May 15 to Thursday May 17. There will be a catch up day on the Friday to assist students who may have been away on the other days. I encourage all parents of years three and five students do their best to have their children here on time for each of those days.

### Early arrivals

Parents and students are reminded that school opens for student arrivals at 8.25 each morning. There is no supervision for students before this time. If your circumstances require you to send children to school before this time, please contact the before school care

service provided by our local council in the school hall to make arrangements for your child to be suitably cared for.

### Stage Three News

We have hit the ground running this term. Our wonderful students led by our SRC commemorated ANZAC Day last Thursday in our school hall. The ceremony was led by Baden, Daniel, Ushas, Maisie, William and Gavin. On the day we had the honour of having two special guests. Mr Spence and Mr Kurster. Mr Spence gave a powerful speech and Mr Kuschert answered student's questions about the trial and tribulations of war. All our wonderful students should be commended on their beautiful manners during the ceremony and Senior Choir should be praised for their resounding debut performance of 'Ceasefire'.

Last Friday the SRC joined other schools on a leadership training day at Camp Wombaroo. Our students persevered with challenges, collaborated with other leaders and learnt and used new acquired skills. Once again our students were praised by the camp organisers for their beautiful manners, exceptional leadership skills and their success in leading winning teams. I would personally like to thank Mrs Nickl for transporting our students to and from the camp. The Nickl family have been a valuable support to our school for many years.

Next week, while our Year Five students will be



showcasing their literacy and numeracy skills in the NAPLAN tests, Year Six will be challenging themselves physically and mentally for three days and two nights at Camp Wombaroo. We wish our Year Five and Year Six students the best of luck in week three.

Lastly, I would also like to welcome Mrs Small, who will be teaching 5/6 Geckos this term. Mrs Small is a brilliant teacher with innovative ideas and an inspiring teaching style. She has worked in various schools in the Southern Highlands and she is overjoyed being part of the Stage Three team. *Mr D Christodouloupoulos - Stage Three Leader*

## District Cross Country

Make some room... we're bringing home a trophy! Last Thursday we attended the District Cross Country at Hampden Park, Robertson. It was a glorious day for running and that we did. It was a day of celebrating many achievements, including the highlight of the day winning the WDPSSA Cross Country Shield. Final points were **Mittagong 369**, Bowral 349 and Bong Bong (District Small Schools) 312. Congratulations to our 47 students who attended their age running events. All our students should be proud of their efforts and achievements, improving PB's, placing in the top 20 and earning points for our school. We had many students qualify in the top 5 of each run and they will represent the District at the Regional Cross Country on 1 June in Cambewarra. Notes were sent home on the day and could you please return them to Mrs Fisher? Thanks to our parents and students for your co-operative and enthusiastic participation. A big Thank You to Mrs Kristen Wilson and the WDPSSA for organising the Cross Country. And a special thanks to Ms Buchanan for managing the team on the day and to Mrs Anderson for the early morning training sessions last term. *Mrs Michael Fisher*

## Upcoming Sports Events...

Years 3-6 Athletics Track Events Carnival - Friday 15th June, back-up 22nd June.

Years 4 - 6 Weekly Basketball Comp - Tuesdays and Thursdays







I'm always on the hunt for resources that can help us as parents, and recently discovered the *Parentline service*. *It's a confidential telephone counselling service that provides professional counselling and support for parents and those who care for children.*

Parenting can be a tough job but also really rewarding. Talking to a Parentline counsellor can help you navigate difficult parenting dilemmas. To find out more head to [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au)

Or call **Parent Line NSW**  
**1300 1300 52** (cost of a local call)  
 9am-9pm Monday to Friday  
 4pm-9pm Saturday and Sunday

It might be just what you need today, so don't put off calling them if you'd like support.  
 Mrs Sarah Bull- *Pastoral Care*

## Community News

### WOOSH HAPPENINGS

Term One seem to go by very quickly. Our new kinders settled in and I'm very proud of the way everyone assists our youngest or newest children. We have been focusing on the children spending time each day playing games or activities that require practising social skills. The children are encouraged to settle into an activity that builds skills in turn taking and negotiation. These skills are necessary for children to be successful in developing friendships, communicating with others and being able to play games. They are also skills that need to be taught as they are not innate. Staff then, help and facilitate these activities and the skills needed to play harmoniously. I have noticed marked changes in the way children are playing, what they are playing and the length of time spent playing a game. I have then noticed children are transferring these practiced skills into wider, less controlled games outside. The building of these skills will remain to be a focus this term and will continue to support the service meeting Outcome 5 (Children are effective communicators) of our My Time, Our Place Framework as well as Quality Area 5 of the National Quality Standard, Relationships with Children

(5.2 Relationships between children).

We also have a group of children who every afternoon go above and beyond to take care of our environment. These children have been seeing that the COLA area is tidy and ready for all the children to use. I am very impressed with their efforts.

April Vacation Care saw us making stop motion videos, learning and practising magic skills, bowling and getting physical with The Jess Academy. The children rode bikes, scooters, cooked (and ate), planted, painted and spent many happy days playing with known and new friends. I'm currently planning the July Vacation Care, stay tuned for a Christmas in July extravaganza and perhaps, some more magic. We will also be celebrating NAIDOC week.

### Auskick - Southern Highlands Hawks Junior AFL

Parents are you thinking that your child might like to join a team sport but not sure which one? We are looking for any children aged 5 - 8 who are thinking of joining a team sport, then why not come along to Auskick. You'll learn new skills and how to play AFL in a safe and encouraging environment with an enthusiastic coach and you can make new friends along the way. If you're not sure if it's for you, come along and try it out, bring a friend along too! Training for AFL/Auskick is Tuesdays 4 - 5:15pm at Welby Oval, Welby. If you would like to know more come and see Mrs Fisher (Auskick Coach).



*Grandparents day was fun, we got to show them our work in class and the kindy children got to have a photo taken with their grandparents and some of us got to buy a book from the Book Fair.*



## P&C News

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**Happy Mothers Day** to all the wonderful Mums, Grandmas and carers - the children were so excited trying to pick out gifts for you, but they can't wait to give them to you. Thanks to the volunteers who make our Mother's Day Stall happen!

### CANTEEN NEWS:

**Canteen Volunteer - Fridays:** We desperately need another volunteer who is available on a FRIDAY. If you can help please contact Canteen Coordinator, Cindy, on 0435 842 035 so she can put you on the roster. Friday is usually our busiest day, so we would really appreciate any offers of help, even if you could help for a half day.

**Term 2 Menu:** was distributed last week, download one from the P&C Tab of the school website (Canteen section) if you missed yours. We now have pumpkin soup on Wednesdays

**Lunch order payments:** Don't forget, as the canteen is run by P&C, you CANNOT pay for canteen lunch orders through the school website P.O.P (parent online payment) facility. This is only for school items not P&C. For canteen lunch orders you must use cash or mykidslunchbox.com.au.

**Canteen Pyjama Day is coming Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May.....** look out for the note coming home next week with details of what you can order on the day and of course you get to wear your PJs to school.

to be put on the Friday BBQ roster for Term 3, or could fill in for someone if necessary this term, please contact coordinator Heather Mitchie on 0428 624 567. You will generally be rostered only once per term, from 7.30am to 9ish.

**FRIDAY BBQ DONATIONS:** \* tomato and barbecue sauces \* serviettes - Any donations gladly received to support our Friday barbecue.

**Return and Earn – Donate your bottles or vouchers to us:** You can support our school by donating your cans/bottles to us, or better still, simply donating your cash vouchers to the school. Vouchers will be put to good use assisting the canteen in purchasing supplies. We also welcome any donations from parents who work in the hospitality industry. Kids - don't forget to use the recycling bin located near the canteen for recycling any lunchbox or canteen items – there are pictures on the front of the bin, so you can make sure it belongs.

### Lucas the Dollarmite is coming to Mittagong Public School!



A special Dollarmite's visitor is coming to school to talk about the new rewards available and how to be eligible for the Hawaii Family trip.

Lucas is excited to see you all next **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 8.30am** in the morning assembly area. And on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**, Melinda from Commonwealth Bank will be at school for a lunchtime session to help volunteers and students redeem their rewards and show them what rewards are available.

Remember, School Banking day is every **Friday**.

**Friday morning BBQ and Shed Cafe:** First Friday BBQ for the term is TOMORROW! We look forward to serving yummy sausage sandwiches (\$2 each or two for \$3), coffee/hot chocolate (\$2), meal deal – sausage & hot chocolate (\$3) and tea \$1. A good way to start these cold mornings! If you would like

## School Calendar 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Term 2 May Week 2</b>	7 Book Fair Author visit 1 - 6	8 Book Fair <i>Grandparents Day</i> P & C meeting 6:30pm	9 Mothers' Day stall Book Fair <i>Mufii Day</i> ICAS Digi Tech	10  <i>Mothers' Day stall</i>	11 <i>Senior assembly</i>	12	13 Happy Mothers Day
<b>Term 2 May Week 3</b>	14 Book club due	15 NAPLAN	16  Yr 6 Wombaroo	17  	18  <i>Junior assembly</i> <i>1 Wombat item</i>	19	20
<b>Term 2 May Week 4</b>	21	22	23	24	25 SSO excursion  <i>Senior assembly</i>	26	27